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Design Patent



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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification and Claims in double column copy of patent format  
(amended, if appropriate)
4. ☐ Drawing(s) (proposed amendments, if appropriate)
5. ☒ Reissue Oath/Declaration (original or copy)  
(37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)
6. ☐ Power of Attorney
7. ☒ Original U.S. Patent currently assigned? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(If Yes, check applicable box(es))  
☐ Written Consent of all Assignees (PTO/SB/53)  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (PTO/SB/96)
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or large table
9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

10. ☐ Statement of status and support for all  
changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173(c).
11. ☐ Original Patent Grant  
☐ Ribbioned Original Patent Grant  
☐ Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
12. ☐ Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119)  
(if applicable)
13. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS  
Citations
14. ☐ English Translation of Reissue Oath/Declaration  
(if applicable)
15. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
16. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
17. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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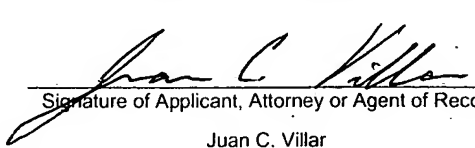
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<b>REISSUE APPLICATION FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>						Docket Number (Optional) VILLAR-3R		
<b>Claims as Filed – Part 1</b>								
	(1) Claims in Patent	(2) Number Filed in Reissue Application	(3) Number Extra	Small Entity		Other than a Small Entity		
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Independent claims (37 CFR 1.16(i))	(C) 4	(D) 2	* 2 =	x \$ 43 =	84		x \$ ____ =	
					Basic Fee (37 CFR 1.16(h))		\$ 385.00	
					Total Filing Fee		\$ 559.00	OR \$ ____
<b>Claims as Amended – Part 2</b>								
	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Extra Claims Present	Small Entity		Other than a Small Entity		
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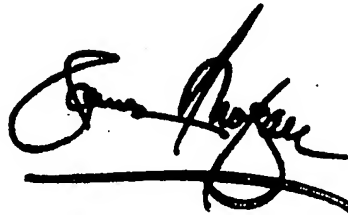
It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page.

The title page showing an illustrative figure, should be deleted and substitute therefor the attached title page.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Rogan", with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

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